

historian, wit, and moralist, said by Coleridge to have been incomparably the most sensible and least prejudiced of the many great men of his age; Bishop Joseph Hall, the famous divine: John Selden, lawyer and parliamentarian; George Herbert, scholar, preacher, and poet; and lastly Izaak Walton, philosopher and fisherman. From the antique flavor and oddity of the utterances collected in the volume, the little book bears the title of *Quaint Nuggets*. A portrait of Fuller adorns the title-page. The compiler is Eveline Warner Brainerd. (Pages, 136. Price, 45c.)

The first volume of the *Studi Glottologici Italiani*, edited by Giacomo de Gregorio, professor of comparative history of the classical and Neo-Latin tongues in the University of Palermo, and issued on the occasion of the twelfth International Congress of Orientalists, contains articles by Prof. De Gregorio on the etymology and lexicography of the Romance languages, with special reference to the Sicilian dialects, and also contributions by R. Sabbadini, M. La Via, and M. Niedermann on cognate subjects. (Price, L. 10. Turin: Ermanno Loescher.)

HOMO ALALUS.

Rude forefather of Nature's Masterpiece,
Progenitor of man, tho' not yet man,
How oft, in fancy rapt, through forests wild
I've strode beside thee in the noble chase,
Or at thy savage meal unbidden sat,
Or, mayhaps, couched with thee in murky cave.
And oft, too, have I thought—if thou hadst felt,
A moment e'en, the meaning of thy past,
Or vision got of ages yet unborn,
As brutishly thou sought to comprehend
The whence of man and his great destiny,
A thrill had shot thy rugged frame throughout,
And reason's light streamed instant from thine eyes.

L. L. RICE.

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NOTES.

By an oversight the name of Henry Ridgely Evans, now of the Department of Education at Washington and a contributor to *The Cosmopolitan Magazine*, was omitted in the last two numbers of *The Open Court* as the joint contributor to the book entitled *Magic*, published by Munn & Co., of New York. Mr. Evans wrote the introduction to the work, and also the chapters on mental magic and shadowgraphy. The quotations on pages 426 and 427 were also from his pen.

A philosophical society, incorporated under the laws of the State of Michigan has been organised in Detroit by Mr. Louis J. Rosenberg, an attorney of that city. Its purpose is to encourage the study of philosophy; and lectures and papers by professors from the University of Michigan and by many other prominent thinkers have been announced.